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Docket No. 01236P00021US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Attachment Mechanism for
Patrick Antonelli et al.) Middle Ear Prosthesis
Serial No.: 10/814,462)
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed February 22, 2005, applicants request reconsideration and allowance.

REMARKS

Claims 30-39 are pending in the application, are rejected, and are at issue.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 30-35 and 37-39 as anticipated by Muller et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,537,199.

Independent claim 30 specifies a self-crimping ossicular prosthesis comprising a pair of jaws of a bioactive material. Each jaw comprises a body having a semi-cylindrical inner surface

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